

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: Directors Roxanne Wadman and David Cordell

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:02PM

AGENDA: The Board acknowledges that there was a typo on the end date for the Cooper Farms Project Update for all previous agendas dating back to November 2020 when an extension was granted. The date was mistakenly entered as 2027. It has been corrected to reflect the proper end date of 2025. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda with the proposed changes. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Roger Noble. Chairman of the Flathead County Planning Board.

Roger Noble spoke of a pending land purchase for the future site of a composting facility and septage receiving station for Flathead County. Discussion was had between Roger Noble and the Board of Directors about the District potentially selling 20 to 30 acres of the Districts land if the pending land purchase deal does not come to fruition. Discussion was had about the pros and cons of selling District owned land for the purpose of solving a county wide septage issue. General Manager Olson spoke of the need to have our engineers pivot our current treatment site expansion plans to accommodate any sale of land. Director Heim expressed concern over the sale of land, as he noted that irrigation land is not as easy to procure at this time. Director Fleming suggested a possible lease, as opposed to a sale. Director Liechti noted a possible land exchange may be worth considering as well. General Manager Olson noted parcels of land that would fit with the Districts expansion plans if a new land purchase or exchange needed to take place. The Board of Directors expressed concern over the sale of irrigation land in case the pending groundwater discharge permit does not get approved from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Roger noted Flathead county's appreciation of the District to work with them to find a solution to the ever-growing septage issue. The Board unanimously decided that if Flathead County's pending land purchase falls through, The District would not be opposed to further discussion about selling some of the Districts irrigation land to the county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the September 20, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for September 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for September 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson noted we will have an updated plan from the engineers to review at next months meeting.

Septage Receiving station: The Board of Directors felt as though a solution will be found to move ahead, whether it be purchasing land from neighboring landowners or the District.

South 80 Generator: General Manager Olson stated that the generator has been delivered. He stated that the pad would be poured soon, and installation will follow.

New Well – Lakeside: General Manager Olson met with Brad Bennett from Water & Environmental Technologies. Brad will be preparing a bid package for the new Lakeside well. The bid package will be ready by the first part of November. Once received, General Manager Olson will review before putting it out for contractor bidding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Refusal to Annex – Potential avenues? General Manager Olson brought to the attention of the Board an issue with a customer that was accidentally overlooked in 2008 and not annexed into the District. The customer was hooked up to services and is now refusing to sign the required paperwork to annex into the District. The Board discussed charging fees, as well as additional monthly costs until compliance is reached. The Board also discussed severing service for noncompliance. Ultimately, the decision was reached to have the District attorney explore all options and execute accordingly.

LS #5 Pump Repair General Manager Olson explained the rebuild, repair, reinstallation, and subsequent re-breakdown of the lift station #5 pump that was recently done. General Manager Olson explained that the manufacturer made an emergency trip to pick up the pump and assess the damage. The parts required to complete the repair will take 4-5 weeks to come in from Sweden. General Manager Olson is going to see if air freight is an option. If air freight is not an option, the operators will need to do a dry hook up for a bypass pump until the parts are delivered and the repair is complete. General Manager Olson noted the vulnerable position that the District is put in for extended periods of time while repairs, such as this, are being completed. General Manager Olson suggested the District purchase a new 72 HP pump and use the rebuilt one as a backup. Director Liechti noted that septage pumping trucks are unable to keep up with maximum capacity flows, further expressing the need for a reliable backup, as opposed to a bypass pump. General Manager Olson stated that the price of a new 72 HP pump is around \$64,000 + around \$3,000 in shipping costs. Director Liechti suggested we purchase a backup pump for lift station # 3 also. General Manager Olson agreed with that decision. General Manager Olson stated that the price of a new 32 HP pump is around \$30,000 + shipping. The price for two new pumps plus shipping will run around \$100,000.00. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of the two new pumps.

Ordinance 22-6 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 72 Greenbrae into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-7 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 48 Greenbrae into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-8 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 207 & 211 Bierney Creek Rd into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-9 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 77 Deer Creek into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-10 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 6135 US Hwy 93 S, Somers into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-11 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 209 Deer Trail into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-12 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 15 Craven into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-13 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 282 North Juniper Bay into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

MISCELLANEOUS: District Secretary Beth Dotson will be retiring at the end of the month. The decision was made to hold of a celebration of her service to the District. A date of October 28th was set for the farewell celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022)